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Applicant: Noel et al.
Title: METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR
DETERMINING
ENZYMATIC ACTIVITY
Appl. No.: 10/031,918
Filing Date or
371(c) Date: 09/24/2002
Examiner: Nashed, Nashaat T.
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

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- ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on ____.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ____ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on ____.
- ☐ Other ____.
- b. Enclosed are:
- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
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Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

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| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | | | | \$790.00 | = \$790.00 |
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☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the
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| TOTAL FEE: | | | \$620.00 |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$620.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

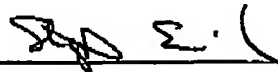
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Respectfully submitted,

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